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Letter dated 14 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the official communiqué dated 13 June 1995 issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru in connection with the announcement by the Government of France of the resumption of nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 57 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Official communiqué dated 13 June 1995 issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru in connection with the announcement by the Government of France of the renewal of nuclear tests in the South Pacific

The Government of Peru has today received an official communication from the Government of France informing it of the forthcoming resumption of nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

The Government of Peru protests in the strongest terms this decision of the French Government, which constitutes a serious reversal in the consistent efforts of the international community to bring about the elimination of all nuclear tests and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons through the relevant international agreements.

Considering, further, that the renewal of these nuclear tests will cause irreparable environmental harm, Peru strongly urges the Government of France to reconsider its decision, in consonance with its policies in support of international peace, disarmament and environmental protection.

Furthermore, the Government of Peru, bearing in mind the grave impact of the above decision on the international community, wishes to state that it is in contact with other Governments on this matter.